THE TWO BOOTHS TO MEET BALLINGTON WILL GRANT HIS FATHER AN INTERVIEW.

The General Will Arrive in America Next Month-The Commander Says He Has Never Offered Any Objection to Seeing Hlm-No Amalgamation of Army and Volunteers.

New York, Dec. 10 .-- Commander Ballington Booth for the first time since his separation from the Salvation Army received a letter from his father, General Booth of England, asking for an interview when he (the general) arrives in this country next month. In reply Commander Booth has declared not only his willingness, but his pleasure at meeting the general, as father and son, but adds: "In view of the repeated and strenuously circulated reports that I have refused to see my father. I deem it both right and fair to state that I have never offered any objection to seeing him, but the grand field council of the Volunteers has advised that, owing to the wilful misrepresentations of my last interview with a member of my It was the opinion of the doctor that family and as I no longer represent myself alone, but a large movement, that four hours. every safeguard should be taken against a repetition of this, and further that in the interview no allusion should be made to questions of contro-

versy regarding the Salvation Army. "Furthermore as the object of such an interview has already been stated to be an amalgamation of the Volunteers of America with the Salvation Army Mrs. Booth and myself wish to state with all emphasis, that considering the essential differences in our government and principles such a union would be inconsistent in the face of our people and our God, and therefore is impossi-

"The Volunteers of America is now a thoroughly organized and recognized religious movement, having nearly seven hundred commanding officers, exclusively employed. After eighteen months experience we have proved that the work of reaching the unreached masses of this country can be done equally well without the limitations and restrictions involved in the form of government of the Salvation army. Our people have well learned the lesson of self-government. It will be seen therefore that amalgamation is as impracticable as it is undestrable. To give countenance to this amalgamation my name has recently been used in connection with colonization schemes cannot too strenuously appeal to the press and public at large to place me right in this matter. Not only am I not connected with any schemes, but all will admit that it is my right to protest Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker allowing themselves to pass as 'Commander and Mrs. Booth.'

STEEL WIRE AND NAIL TRUST. Proposed Pool Involving Capital Tha Will Exceed \$60,000,000.

Naw York, Dec. 10 .- The representatives of the steel wire and nail manufacturing firms of the United States, to form a steel wire and nail pool, are nearing a conclusion of their work. It is said that about twenty of the largest steel wire and nail manufacturers will enter the pool and the capital involved will exceed \$60,000,000. The legal fomalities for forming the pool will probably not be completed until after the holidays. Already many of the small wire and nail concerns throughout the country have been bought out and negotlations are pending for the purchase of others According to Judge Gary of Chicago, G. H. TenBroeck of St. Louis and others interested, the combine will not result in raising the prices to the purchasers of wire and nalls, but will enable the manufacturers to operate the plants upon a more economical basis The only meeting in connection with the combine held to-day was that of the directors of the Illinois Steel company. The business of the meeting was such as usually comes before the men who are interested in the company. It was admitted, however, that discussions of the proposed wire and nail pool took up a great portion of the session.

CLEVELAND IN WASHINGTON. He Did Not Leave His Car-Is on Another

Hunting Trip. Washington, Dec. 10.-Ex-President Grover Cleveland arrived here to-day from Princeton en route to South Carolina on a hunting trip. Although this was the first time Mr. Cleveland had been in Washington since he left the executive mansion last March, he did not leave his car during the two hours that it was in the city. He was met at the station by Captain Evans of the lighthouse board, General Anson G. McCook, United States Marshal Wilson

and two or three other friends. Mr. Cleveland declined to discuss polttics or public affairs. He is on his way to South Island, about thirty miles from Charleston, where he will be the guest of Hon. E. P. Alexander, the chief of the Confederate artillery forces at the battle of Gettysburg and now president of the Georgia Central railroad. Mr. Cleveland left Washington at 3:46, accompanied by Captain Evans. General McCook and Captain Lamber ton. Mr. Cleveland and General Mc-Cook will remain in camp for ten days or two weeks. Captain Evans will remain with them for a week.

Fiftleth Anniversary.

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Order Sons of America in the United States was appropriately celebrated by Washington camp in St. Aloysius hall last evening.

AN INEXPLICABLE SUICIDE. James Rooney, Who Married but Three Weeks Ago, Found Dead.

Norwalk, Dec. 10 .- A suicide of an inexplicable nature came to light tonight when the lifeless body of James Rooney was found hanging in an unoccupled cottage on East avenue, owned by Rev. C. M. Seleck. Rooney had atached the rope to the balustrade on the second landing, then slipped the noose over his head and apparently descended the stairs to the end of the rope, then stepped over the railing and allowed himself to strangle to death. The man has been missing since Wed-

nesday. Rooney was about twenty-eight years old and had been employed by Rev. C. M. Seleck for some time, but got through last Monday. About two weeks ago he was married to Miss Nora Sullivan of 11 Hanford street, South Norwalk, and he was last seen by the newly wedded wife Wednesday morning. The couple had secured a tenement to go housekeeping and Rooney had sent his trunk from Rev. Mr. Seleck's to the new tenement. Sulcide is unaccountable from the fact that Rooney was not a drinking man and was apparently happily married. The body was discovered shortly after 7 o'clock to-night and Captain of Police Wallace Dann at once notified Medical Examiner Dr. Burke the man had been dead over twenty-

MOVE AGAINST TRUST, Action of Attorney General Against Coal Dealers' Association.

Washington, Dec. 10 .- The attorneygeneral to-day directed United States Attorney Foote at San Francisco to file a bill in equity against the Coal Dealers' association of California for violation of the anti-trust law of July 2. 1890. It is stated that the association is composed of retail dealers of San Francisco and has for its object the ontrol of the retail trade. The constitution and by-laws of the association are said to disclose the fact that the members are bound under severe penalties not to sell coal at a lower price than is fixed by the association, and therwise to observe all of its rules. Wholesale dealers in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia are said to have entered into an agreement with the association under which violations of the rules, including the sale of coal card rates, reported to them, would be punished by an increase in the wholesale rate to such offenders of wo cents a ton or a refusal to sell to them except at the prices charged con-There are said to be other sumers. imposed upon members which bring the organization within the anti-trust law.

COMES TO DAVENPORT. The Rev. Mr. Prentiss Accepts His Call to

This City. The Rev. George Foster Prentiss of Winsted has given notice to the society's committee of the First Congregational church of that place that he will leave Jan. 1. The formal resignation will probably be read from the pulpit of the Winsted church at the morning service to-morrow. Mr. Prentiss has been called to the Davenport church in Prentiss came to Winsted in 1894 from Bridgeport and since that time he and Mrs. Prentiss have won a place in the hearts of his congregation and the people which is to be envied. While Winsted is giad to see Mr. Prentiss take a forward step, she is sorry to lose such an able divine and citizen. No arrangements have been made as yet by the First church as to Mr. Prentiss' cessor, but two or three applications have been already received."

ROBBERY AMOUNTING TO \$100,000. One of the Biggest in History of New York Postoffice.

New York, Dec. 10.-It was learned to-day that one of the biggest robberies in the history of the New York postoffice occurred on November 9. The amount involved is stated to be in the neighborhood of \$199,000 and was taken from registered letters in the rallway mail service on that section of the Central railroad of New Jersey known as the New York, Somerville and Easton branch. On November 9. it is stated, two bags containing \$20,000 were taken. How long the defalcations had gone on before that date has not yet been ascertained. Major Charles F. Lewis of the Philadelphia branch of the government secret service was in this city to-day investigating the robbery, which has been kept so secreuntil now by the postal authorities.

THE GERMAN BUDGET,

Baron Von Thielmann Says Surplus for

1897 Will be 20,000,000 Marks. Berlin, Dec. 10 .- The secretary of the treasury, Baron Von Thielmann, in presenting the budget to-day, said the surplus for 1897 would be 20,000,000 marks, while the customs and tobacco tax would probably be 70,000,000 marks over the estimates, of which 32,000,000 marks were assigned for debt redemption. Continuing, Baron Von Thielmann said the negotiations for the abolition of the sugar bounties were at a standstill, but the United States tariff would perhaps have a reviving influence. The home consumption of sugar, the secretary said, had increased, but Germany would always have to depend upon her export trade.

Record Breaking Mail Train.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 10 .- A recordbreaking fast run was made by the Union Pacific east-bound fast mail between Cheyenne and North Platte. The train made the run between Tipton and Wampsutter on the Wyoming division at the rate of seventy-eight miles a From Cheyenne to Sidney, a There was a large attendance, the hall distance of 102 miles, the tunning time being completely filled. Beside a patri-otic address by W. H. Street of Camp ney to North Platic, 114 miles, the time No. 8 of this city a pleasing programme was 117 minutes, being the fastest run in the history of the road.

THE SIX DAYS' CYCLE RACE

RIVIERRE LOSES HIS MIND AND IS WITHDRAWN FOR GOOD,

Under Pressure of the Police Authorities the Riders Are Compelled to Submit to Examination by Surgeons Who Report Contest-The Record.

New York, Dec. 10.-The great sixday bleycle race at Madison Square Garden has narrowed itself down to fifteen riders. Miller still retains his lead of nearly a hundred miles over Rice the Wilkesbarre miner. At midnight be was something like 235 miles ahead of the world's record, and with twentyfour hours to spake he had covered a distance up to within a rew miles of the great record established by Hale last year of 1,000 miles. The great surprise of the night was the retirement of Rivierre, the Frenchman. He is believed to be actually out of his mind. He is in a pitiable physical condition and is now under the care of physicians. Like most of the others in the race

Rivierre has given evidence during the frightful contest of having partly lost his mind. The awful strain after the first day of riding had in a measure mentally unbalanced him and this afternoon he leaped from his wheel and made an assault on an imaginary fee in one of the boxes, swearing and jabbering in his native tongue. His trainers rushed for him and put him on his wheel, but after making a few more laps he repeated the performance with even more insone rage than he had at first displayed. The result was that Rivierre had again to be taken from the

track to return no mere To-night the police authorities insisted upon examination being made of the men by the police surgeons. The result was a report by the surgeons, which, so far as statistics go, showed a very satisfactory condition of affairs, except in the case of Rivierre. Officially this had been hidden. It is thought that the report "goes," as it were, but it gives not the faintest idea of what the real Haven. Both are small ladies' hunting condition and appearance of the maondition and appearance of the majority of the riders are. They are all strong enough to go on with their pedalling until midnight to-morrow, and it is not likely that there will be any furher withdrawals, unless for cause of accident or unless another of the ambitious riders goes insane.

The score at 1:15 a. m.—Miller, 1,900-4; Rice 1,809-3; Schinneer,1,792-2; Rivierre, 1,746-7; Hule, 1,705-3; Waller, 1,685-7; Plerce, 1,637-7; Moore, 1,495-4; Elkes, 1,550-5; Golden, 1,534-1; Enterman, 1,-517-6; Gannon, 1,514-5; Kinz, 1,425; Ju-lius, 1,320-2; Bencon, 1,136-8; Gray, 1,050-Johnson, 1,109. Miller was 243 miles 4 laps ahead of record for 121 hours.

TRIAL OF CHARLES BOINAY, Miss Nichols Positively Identifies Him-He Shows Emotion

Bridgeport, Dec. 10.-To-day for the first time since Charles Boinay was placed on trial for his life, charged with the murder of George Marcus Nichols, the all but proven murderer manifested signs of emotion. He broke down when his counsel, who is making a heroic fight to save him from the gallows, read a passage from an authority on evithis city to succeed Dr. I. C. Meserve.

Last night's Winsted Citizen says: "Mr. and confessions or statements made by them. During the argument on this point Attorney Lynch read an extract from a decision ruling against the conessions made by a prisoner, deserted by the world, who would seize at the last ray of hope and when Mr. Lynch referred to his despairing cry, "You talk as if you were going to hang me" the tears trickled down the prisoner's cheeks. His weakness lasted but a mament, however, as he quickly recovered his composure and resumed his former demeanor.

Detective George Arnold, one of the men who has belied to weave the evidence against the prisoner, was the chief witness to-day and his evidence was in the main a narration of an in terview he had with Bolnay after his arrest, in which he admitted that he was at the Nichols house when the murder was committed, but would not acknowledge committing the deed. The estimony offered by the detective bears out in every detail the confession made by Weeks. An important feature of today's proceedings was the almost positive identification by Miss Nichols of the accused man as the one who led her about the house in the hunt for money and told her that he "didn't care if he had killed her brother, he couldn't die any younger." She identified him by his curly lair. The court was in session until 4:30 p. m., and will meet again tomorrow at 10 o'clock for a hearing, un-

POLO PLAYERS IN A SCRAP.

several of the Waterbury and Meriden Players Get in a Mix-Up.

Waterbury, Dec. 10.-The chief excitenent in the polo game to-night between Waterbury and Meriden, which resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 11 to 2, was furnished a few minutes before the close, when several of the players got mixed up in a scrap. It was brought about by Knowlton half back for Waterbury, striking Purcell, Meriden's center, on the leg in try ng to make a drive. Purcell at one resented being struck and there was a mix-up between the two men. C. Warner, second rush, went to Purcell's assistance and was knocked down by lab in the face, and then two other Mer den players joined in the scrimmage and matters were progressing very live ly when Captain Griffin and Referee Leahy finally succeeded in separating the men. Knowlton was fined \$5 and Warner \$2. Knowlton got a severe hit on the neck with a hockey stick,

Bryan in Mexico.

Monterey, Mexico, Dec. 10.—Hon, W. J. Bryan is in this city to-day. Hi visit has aroused great enthusiasm. The distinguished American is being made the recipient of high municipal, state and federal honors.

SNEAK THIEVES CAUGHT.

Chought to be Professionals-Valuable Plunder Found.

NEW HAVEN CONN., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1897.

Through the capture of Samuel Goldstein, a burgiar in his house by John Henney of 1210 Chapel street, the police have now in their hands two mer whose arrests are probably among the most important of the year. That the Men Are Fit to Continue the Goldstein was taken to police headquar ters, yesterday morning, Detectives Donnelly and Daly were sent to his house at 28 Oak street with search war rants and there arrested Max Josephs an accomplice of Goldstein's, earthing the house the officers found a aluable lot of stolen goods and pawn tickets, which showed that the two men nad received on the articles pawned for those tickets alone about \$1,500. The pair are professional sneak thieves, judging from the evidence which has een secured against them, and had only just begun to ply their trade in they have done profitable business in St. Liouis and in Philadelphia, and the solice authorities of those cities will se communicated with by the local

At 38 Oak street the officers found twenty valuable gold rings, nine pocktbooks, all somewhat worn and evilently stolen, a pair of gold eye glasses a pair of opera glasses, a valuable gold andled silk umbrella, silverware, two adles' gold watches, and thirty pawn tickets, some for diamonds on amount ranging from \$35 to \$50 had been re eived. It seems that the plan of the men has been to take turns in plun-dering and while one would pilfer the ther would be busy in some other city pawning and otherwise disposing o Josephs are married and their families five at 83 Oak street. wo children and Josephs five, and when the officers entered the place yesterday the membrs of both families began in dustriously to endeavor to hide articles that had been stolen. Three pocket books were found under a coal box and other articles were found where they two gold watches were stolen in New on the back the monogram E. W. C. and on the front M. G. D. The other has engraved on the front case the mono gram L. S.

FAVORS A CONFERENCE. The Feeling Resulting from the Wage Cut

In Fall River. Fall River, Mass., Dec. 10.—Until the ew wage schedule ordered by the manifacturers has been issued there will be little change in the situation in this city. The feeling in favor of a confernce of the manufacturers and repre entatives of the labor unions is gaining trength and there is a strong probabil ty that the committee may recommend uch action that the true condition of affairs may be understood by the operatives. The demand for a general cut own, if any is to be made, which will nclude agents and superintendents, is vidently to be an issue upon which the eratives will center much of their prosition, and it is believed by many hat such a reduction would avert a strike at least until some future time It is known that some members of the mittee favor this plan on the ground that it will do much to better the feeling which is bound to be strained be cause of the reduction, The Seaconnet mill is likely to be an important factor situation, as its managers are ontinue to run under the present

Lack Important Beturns,

Washington, Dec. 10.—The agriculture department to-day issued the follow-The department's special wheat investigation is still lacking a few important returns, but the general result vil be determined by Monday noon and will then be made public. The department's firml estimates of the produc ion of the principal crops are based argely on the December returns and in accordance with the department' practice they will not be made public before the 13th of the month at the ear-

Lecture on Electricity. In Harmonie hall, last night, Profesor Rosa of Wesleyan college gave the third of a series of four lectures on 'Electricity and Magnetism." This sedes is in the New Haven Unversity Extension Center. His lecture last night vas devoted in the main to the descrip tion of motors and magnets and their o-relative lines of force. Many Interesting explanatory experiments were made in the course of the lecture. There was a large attendance.

Will Pay the Price Demanded.

Streator, Ill., Dec. 10.-The miners' strike in this vicinity came to an end this afternoon when A. L. Sweet, general manager of the Chicago, Wilmington and Vermillion Coal company agreed to pay the price demanded by the men, which is sixty-four cents ton for gross weight mining. This practically settles the strike in all northern Illinois and will put 2,000 men

A Morigage for \$17,500,000.

Boston, Dec. 10.-The largest amount ever represented in a mortgage deed recorded at the Middlesex resgistry of deeds has been filed at East Cambridge The amount of the mortgage is \$17, 60,000 and was filed by the New England Coke and Gas company to the Central Trust company of New York.

Vienna, Dec. 10.-A great sensation has been caused here by the posting roadcast yesterday evening of red plaards, even in the inner town and Hofourg, inscribed "No Ausgleich"; "Abol sh the language ordinances"; and German is the National language. The police tore the placards down.

Democrats to Cancus.

caucus issued a call to-day for a caucus to be held on Tuesday evening next, one cent for each letter or package.

EVANGELIST MOODY TALKS

MAKES EFFECTIVE APPEAL FOR WORK AMONG PRISONERS.

Large Audience Greets Him at First Bap tist Church-Attempt to Reach Every Prison Cell in the U. S .- The Great Exhorter Tells Some Interesting Incidents Out of His Personal Experience.

Mr. D. L. Moody, the great evangelist, ectured at the First Baptist church, last evening on evangelistic work among prisoners. The evangelist has changed little in appearance in recent years, a little more gray-haired, and a little more portly, perhaps but for all these signs of added years the same earnest, vigorous expounder of the Bible and active evangelistic worker he has always been. He is at present in the city on a visit to his son, Paul, who entered Yale college this year, and it was arranged to have him speak at the First Baptist church. His audience there was large and appreciative.

He said at the outset that he had en by the papers that he was to speak on prison reform and protested his total ignorance of that subject. He was, first interested in evangelistic work among the prisoners in the penitentiarties and jails by the statement of a woman who had heard that there were 750,000 prisners in the various penal institutions of the country, and this fact led him to getting evangelistic books placed in very prisoner's cell in the country. In the Dominion of Canada every prisonr's cell has been supplied with one of these little pamphlets and the work is eing pushed in the United States 27,000 have been placed in New York state institutions and 18,000 in Pennsylvania institutions. In all over 216,000 of these books have been distributed, As usual, Mr. Moody told several of his numerous fund of incidents and stories which he has accumulated in his wide experience. "A lady told me that the had seen a young man lying ill in jail. He told her that he had been giving an assumed name because he was shamed to have his parents know his whereabouts. Now that he was about to die he had been converted and had found peace for his soul and he was very anxious that his parents should learn of his changed life. I told his story in the meeting that evening and there were many prayers for the poor fellow. That night at the hotel many vere the anxious inquiries after the poor felow. I had to tell them that he vas dead. We looked up his father and mother and broke the news to them. It drove the mother insane and the hair of that father was turned white in al-Don't you think most a single day. these men are worth trying to save? You can put one of these little books for ten cents into a prison cell. I hope there are many here to-night who will

do that much at least and as much more as possible. "In the Toronto Y. M. C. A. a young nan came to the secretary from an adoining county and asked him to assist The secretary told im to get work. him that what work he had he felt he must give to those who lived in the ounty and sent him away. Repenting his action he went after him and told him he would give him work elling these little books. The applicant for work blushed and appeared much embarrassed by the proposition. Surprised at this, the secre ary asked sposed to a cut down and will probably him if he was ashamed to do such work. 'No,' replied the young man, 'if it had schedule should the new one result in a not been for those little books I should not have come asking you for work. Nothing would please me better than selling those books.' He went to work on the street selling these little books and was so active and successfull that a prominent business man took him into his employment and he now has a position of importance." The speaker closed with an earnest exhortation to try and help those in jail. A collection was taken for this purpose and many purchased the books which are gotten up for prisoners.

SEVERED THE TEMPORAL ARTERY

Professor Alger Injured While Examining New Government Rifle.

Washington, Dec. 10.-While Professor Alger, one of the foremost ordunnee experts in the government service, was to-day examining one of the new rifler a cartridge was accidentally exploded while the gun was in his hands. The bullet, propelled by the big charge of fron window and smashed the half-inch iron, which flew back in small frag-Professor Alger was struck ments. and cut by several pieces. One piece of material severed the temporal artery. The wound was held closed until the surgeons arrived and stopped the flow. Professor Alger is now in no danger.

Text of the Definite Treaty.

London, Dec. 10 .- The text of the definitive treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece, which will be published here to-morrow, contains about 2,000 words, including two protocols referring respectively to the commercial onvention and consular immunities. The treaty amplifies the preliminary peace terms, all the points of which have already been published.

Doctored the Payroll.

Schneetady, N. Y., Dec, 10 .- William Frost, a timekeeper in the employ of the General Electric company, was arrested to-night for embezzlement, Frost has for the past twenty months, it is alleged, been carrying people on the payroll who had left the company's employ. The company lost by Frost's operations, it is said, several thousand dollars.

Sperry Re-introduces Bill.

Washington, Dec. 10.-Representative Sperry of Connecticut re-introduced to day his bill giving free delivery wherever twenty or more postoffice patrons Washington, Dec. 19.—Chairman ever twenty or more postoffice patrons Richardson of the house democratic petition for the same, the carriers to be paid by such citizens at not exceeding

PARK COMMISSION REPORTS. Submitted at Last Night's Meeting-Makeup of the New Commisions.

At the regular monthly meeting of the park commission held last evening annual reports were submitted by the chairmen of the committees on the saveral parks and also by the treasurer. The treasurer's report was in substance as follows: Total receipts, including balance from the old account, appropriations, cash donations of \$500 from Henry F. English and \$664.39 from Mrs. Henry Farnam, interest on loans and sale of hay and wood, were \$22,071.70. The total expenditures were \$16,111.45. The amount spent on East Rock park was \$6,555.58, on West Rock \$945.79, Fort Hale \$1,152.39, Bay View \$1,192.82, Water Street, \$1,216.98, Edgewood \$2,733.53, Beaver Ponds \$974.25, Fort Wooster \$499.85, Quinniplac \$64.25 and Clinton \$15, on engineering \$277, on contingent account \$482.81. Hay, wood and old materials were sold to the amount of \$140.26. A balance of \$5,960.25 is left to the new account of the department. Robert E. Baldwin, who has served

three years on the board of park commissioners, representing the board of selectmen, met with the commission the extension of Beaver Ponds park. Mayor Farnsworth has decided to reappoint on the park commission General E. E. Bradley, James M. Townsend and Henry T. Blake. The other members of the commissions, Messrs, English, Farnam and Judge Baldwin, are life members.

OWNER OF THE AILSA SUED. He Holds £7,000 Worth of Jewelry Be

longing to His Wife. London, Dec. 10.-In the queen's bench division of the high court of jusowner of the well known racing cutter Ailsa, to recover jewelry valued at seven thousand pounds. Counsel for the plaintiff said that the jewelry was given to the plaintiff, who was a widow, after the engagement. Afterwards, counsel continued, the defendant took to drinking and had delirium tremens While the couple were on board the yacht in August the defendant, counsel also said, approached his wife in an excited state and told her to go on the streets, adding that she belonged there, The wife then commenced proceedings a separation, which she obtained five hundred pounds yearly. Immediately, according to counsel, the defendant obtained possession of the plaintiff's jewelry, which he refused to return. The plaintiff confirmed the statejury returned a verdict Mrs. Walker's

KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK.

Decide to Hold Annual Ball During First meeting of the Knights of St. Patrick held in their club house, No. 128 Temple street, last night, it was decided to hold their annual ball sometime during the first week in February in the Hyperion theater. A committee on arrangements was appointed conng of William Neely Michael Dil lon, Captain J. J. Kennedy, Dr. J. A. Moore and W. J. Maher. The club will give a ladies' night in their rooms on Tuesday evening, December 28.

Woman's Relief Corps.

membership considered.

last night's meeting six new members

were received and four applications for

A large crowd gathered to witness the entertainment and social given by the Woman's Relief corps at the home of Mrs. Reynolds at 571 State street last evening. A very attractive programme was presented and a very pretty sum was added to the relief fund. The audience was entertained by Miss Lizzie Miller in southern dialect songs, Miss Conklin in songs and recitations, Miss Freda Miller in recitations, Miss Margaret Merwin in songs and fancy dances, and by Mr. and Miss Reynolds in a laughable sketch entitled "The Train to Mauro."

The Pequot club held the most suc cessful banquet the club has held thus far at the Tontine last evening. After smokeless powder, struck the heavy the banquet several impromptu toasts were responded to and Burdette, the charming impersonator, recited several selections, illustrative of the way some prominent public speakers of the day talk. Music was furnished by an orchestra. About 150 were present.

Unconscious in the Street.

A man was found in a fainting condition about 12:40 this morning by Captain Woodruff on Meadow street, near Garde's hotel. The ambulance was summoned and the man was taken to the hospital unconscious. He was later revived and gave his name as Louis E. Warren of Rochester, N. Y., an agent for the Rochester brewery.

Arrested for Burgiary.

William Richards and John Govern, two boys about fifteen years of age, were arrested last evening by Detectives Daly and Spang for burglaries committed at Frederick Bros.'s, corner of Norton street and Derby avenue, and Visel's saloon, 781 Dixwell avenue.

Richard Mansfield Arrested.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Richard Mansfield, the actor, was to-day held in \$600 bail to answer a charge of assault and battery preferred by John Metzger of Cleveland, O., who has been in the actor's employ as a dresser for the past seven years.

Mrs. McMinley's Condition.

Canton, O., Dec. 10.-11 p. m.-The has been one of anxious watching. The family have no hopes that the aged invalid will last through the night.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF KNOT-TY QUESTIONS IN NEW CHARTER.

Held at the Meeting Last Night-Principal Scudder's Report on the High School Lunch Counter-Resignations and Appointments-Board Employes Must Comply With Civil Service Rules.

The board of education held a regular meeting last night in the board rooms on Center street, with all the members present. The business transacted was chiefly routine, the most interesting part of the session being that devoted to a discussion of those sections of the charter concerning matters pertaining to the board of education. Some time ago a letter was written by Clerk Hewlett of the board to Mayor Farnsworth, asking information as to the interpretation of certain sections of the charter in so far as they effected the rules and business of the board of education. This letter was referred by the mayor to the corporation counsel and selectmen, met with the commission last night a letter was read by Mr. last night for the last time. He was last night a letter was read by Mr. Hooker, chairman of the finance committee of the board, from Corporation mittee of the board, from Corporation Counsel Ely, giving his opinion on the It is stated on good authority that questions asked in the letter from the board. The first question asked was, "Does article 5, section 11, page 3, apply to written contracts made by the board of education?" The section in question says that it shall be the duty of the mayor to sign all bonds and deeds and all written contracts of the city made by the court of common council or any officer of the city in accordance with authority conferred on them by the charter or the ordinances.

In answer to this Mr. Ely replied that it seemed to him that there was no reason to expect the written contracts tice to-day Mrs. Edith Walker sued her and the bonds issued for such purposes husband, Mr. A. Barclay Walker, the from any other contracts or bonds in writing. He stated that the signature of the mayor to a contract was evidence that the contract was made, and the writing itself is an evidence of what the contract was. He stated that though article 5 of section 11 of the charterapplied to contracts entered into by the board of education as well as those of other departments of the city unless there is some special provision to the contrary, and there is none in this case. Mr. Ely stated further that section 22 of the charter seems very explicit and provides that the controller shall have the inspection and superviwith alimony to the amount of twenty- sion of the accounts of all other departments and officers and provides all books, stationery and office supplies necessary for their use. Sections 107. 108 and 109 of the charter provide that there shall be a department of educaments made by her counsel and the tion and prescribes the duties of that department. In these sections there is nothing that accepts the board of education from the provisions of section 22. Mr. Ely then says: "In the absence of any specific provision excepting, then I think that the controller is the proper person to furnish the stationary and office supplies of the board of education." Further on in his opinion Mr. Ely says that in his opinion all the employes of the department of education are not excepted and must duly qualify under the civil service rules. He said that when the board of education is not authorized to make special contracts it is governed by the provisions of the charter and the disposition of cash balance on hand in the department of education at the end of the year rests with the court of common council, which may charge such balance up to the board of education as a part of its appropriation. President Whitney of the board of education thought that the ommon council had nothing to do with the appropriations for schools and that the board of finance had sole charge of that. He thought that perhaps Mr. Ely meant board of finance when he said common council in this part of his opin-

Mr. Moran thought that the only question was as to whether or not the court of common council could decrease the amount allowed by the board of finance, but thought that the common council could not divert money appropriated for school purposes.

Another question asked of the mayor by the board of education was concerning the issuance of the district bonds authorized by a district meeting about a year ago. The corporation counsel in regard to this asked that a copy of the vote taken at that district meeting be transmitted to him and also further facts in regard to the matter, when he will give an opinion. The finance committee was finally instructed to confer further with the corporation counsel concerning the matters covered in the

opinion. Superintendent Kendall stated that there remains \$250 in the library and apparatus account which cannot be spent wisely until January 1, and asked if there was any one in which this amount could be set aside. The matter will be considered by the finance committee. In his monthly report Mr. Kendall spoke of the contributions of school children to the charities during Thanksgiving week, and said that the children were encouraged in this in order not only to help the poor of the city but also to teach the children to be mindful of others. He stated that the total contributions of the schools amounted to 100 barrels full, Mr. Kendall read the following report of Principal Scudder on the lunch counter recently established at Hillhouse High

"It was found on investigation that many students come to school after very inadequate breakfasts, some having eaten nothing whatever. They cannot get their dinners until 1:20 or 2 p. m., and in the meantime have gone through six periods of work in school. To go so long without food under such conditions is to the disadvantage of the pupils, for the brain does not work well in a hungry or insufficiently nourished body. It is a matter of observation

that students have not done so well (Continued on Fifth Page.)